

**State Board of Food and Agriculture CPR Resolution**  
***Adopted on Thursday, September 16, 2004***

***WHEREAS***, the Governor is proposing to make government more efficient and less expensive through a process known as the California Performance Review (hereafter CPR); and

***WHEREAS***, California's farmers, ranchers and processors deliver *safe* food and a broad spectrum of agricultural products through *responsible* environmental stewardship in a *fair* marketplace for all Californians; and

***WHEREAS***, increasing challenges faced by farmers, ranchers and processors include a 10 percent decrease in farmland since 1990; increasing dependence upon imported food; increasing vulnerability to exotic pests and diseases, under a decreasing public investment in CDFA; and

***WHEREAS***, the draft CPR report noted that the California Department of Food and Agriculture (hereafter CDFA) is "the model vertically integrated, customer focused, and mission driven department the CPR hopes to replicate throughout state government"; and

***WHEREAS***, for CDFA to protect farm products for all Californians, there must be land and water available to grow it through natural resource conservation; renewable energy creation; productive farm preservation; and sufficient public investment in the system; and

***WHEREAS***, a top priority for the CPR should be to deliver a plan that defines how to enhance CDFA's role in protecting California's supply of farm products; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the California State Board of Food and Agriculture***, that CDFA be granted a leading agency authority over the "farm-to-fork" continuum including access to California's farm products; farmland natural resource stewardship; food safety and security; and agricultural domestic and international trade activities; and be it further

***Resolved***, that CDFA increase access to California farm products in schools, state institutions and inner cities. CDFA must expand its role in helping California's farmers, ranchers and processors gain access to these distribution systems, which concurrently benefit the state's government; and be it further

***Resolved***, that CDFA works to maintain and enhance water supply for agriculture and to identify new water for agriculture, urban and environmental needs. As future water policy is formulated, CDFA must be at the table to represent statewide farming and consumer interests, for short-term and long-term strategies; and be it further

***Resolved***, that CDFA establish productive farmland as part of the environment. California's past land-use planning efforts have failed to adopt a coordinated approach to protect farming and ranching resources; and be it further

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***Resolved,*** that CDFA secure California farm products from increasing accidental or intentional threats. Vigorous trade and travel across the state's borders make California a high-profile target for terrorists and also increases the frequency with which diseases, crop and livestock pests, and other threats are accidentally introduced; and be it further

***Resolved,*** that CDFA establish a renewable energy goal and have a significant role in developing a comprehensive biomass utilization strategy, integrated as part of a renewable energy policy that builds on common goals of wind, solar, geothermal and hydroelectric sectors, can provide multiple benefits; and be it further

***Resolved,*** that CDFA retain its authority over Measurement Standards and Inspection Services activities; and *expand* the consultation role that California statute provides on pesticide actions relating to the Department of Pesticide Regulation to other pesticide cross-jurisdictional issues; and be it further

***Resolved,*** the State Board of Food and Agriculture transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of California, Executive Director of the California Performance Review Commission, and to each of the 21 individuals appointed to serve on the California Performance Review Commission.